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FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Eastern's Faculty Senate met once again via Zoom Tuesday afternoon.

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Student Gov. to meet, give committee reports

By Helena Edwards
Staff Reporter | @DEN_news

Student Government will meet on Wednesday for a standard weekly meeting.

After the audience participation portion, advisor report, graduate report and interim speaker report, this upcoming Student Government meeting will now include reports from Senate Committees:

- Academic Affairs – Rachel Ashley
- Business Affairs – Elizabeth Stephens
- Diversity Affairs – Morgan Rigdon
- Internal Affairs – Zoey White
- University Enhancement – Zach Bray
- Student Affairs – Seth Yeakel

It will also include Executive Reports:

- Student Body President – Noor-ul-Haash Khamisani
- Executive Vice President – Michael Petri
- Vice President of Academic Affairs – Justin Richards
- Vice President of Student Affairs – Skylar Coffey

As usual, the meeting will close with any needed announcements.

Student Government will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting is accessible to the public through the Student Government website, as well as through their social media pages.

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Back yet again



ASHANTI THOMAS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

James Rule, a sophomore political science major, talks with Brother Gunnar from The Campus Ministry USA, the controversial preachers who frequent college campuses, in the Library Quad Tuesday afternoon.

NAACP to host election discussion Wednesday

By Elizabeth Taylor
Associate News Editor | @DEN_news

Eastern's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will host an event Wednesday to discuss the 2020 Presidential Election.

NAACP's "Let's Talk About Politics" virtual event on Zoom will be like its weekly meetings, but it is open to the public.

Rather than having a speaker or a presenter to talk to attendees, the event will focus on the members and guests in a discussion-based setting.

After a particularly controversial and drawn-out election, tension and stress levels are high for many people. Meeting in a neutral, supportive space to talk about those feelings can serve to relieve them.

Sihile Mwalongo, a junior economics major and current president of Eastern's NAACP, said the group wanted to offer an opportunity for people to voice how they have been feeling.

"We feel like a lot of people had a lot to say about this election, so we are giving them the opportunity to talk and express

themselves," Mwalongo said. "It's a safe space for everyone regardless of what political side you are on, but we ask that you respect one another, and since we give a voice to minorities, we ask that their voices are heard and respected."

While the event will begin by focusing on the election itself, Mwalongo expects to discuss many of the adjacent issues that attendees could be concerned about.

These may include the anxiety that comes with such a high-stakes election, the real or perceived threats discussed across the country, the events which happened during the election and how the election was handled publicly by both the government and news sources.

Now that the election results are in and a President-elect has been announced, Mwalongo said he hopes the group will have a constructive conversation about everything that happened.

"We know the importance of hearing different points of view, so we really hope to see people who normally don't come to our events show up tomorrow because this election was so impactful, so there is much we

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-Sihile Mwalongo, junior

can discuss and highlight," Mwalongo said. "Especially as the youth for many of us it was the first time voting, so we want to discuss all of it."

"Let's Talk About Politics" is set for 6 p.m. on Wednesday via Zoom. The meet-

ing ID is 932 2409 8192, and the password is 383040.

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US surpasses 1 million
virus cases in November

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. has surpassed 1 million new confirmed coronavirus cases in just the first 10 days of November, with more than 100,000 infections each day becoming the norm in a surge that shows no signs of slowing.

The 1 million milestone came as governors across the nation are making increasingly desperate pleas with the public to take the fight against the virus more seriously. The Wisconsin governor planned to take the unusual step of delivering a live address to the state Tuesday, urging unity and cooperation to fight COVID-19.

Minnesota's governor ordered bars and restaurants to close at 10 p.m., and Iowa's governor said she will require masks at indoor gatherings of 25 or more people, inching toward more stringent measures after months of holding out.

The alarming wave of cases across the U.S. looks bigger and is more widespread than the surges that happened in the spring, mainly in the Northeast, and then in the summer, primarily in the Sun Belt. But experts say there are also reasons to think the nation is better able to deal with the virus this time around.

"We're definitely in a better place" when it comes to improved medical tools and knowledge, said William Hanage, a Harvard University infectious-disease researcher.

Newly confirmed infections in the U.S. are running at all-time highs of well over 100,000 per day, pushing the running total to more than 10 million and eclipsing 1 million since Halloween.

Several states posted records Tuesday, including more than 12,000 new cases in Illinois, 7,000 in Wisconsin and 6,500 in Ohio.

Deaths — a lagging indicator, since it takes time for people to get sick and die — are climbing again, reaching an average of more than 930 a day.

Hospitals are getting slammed. And unlike the earlier outbreaks, this one is not confined to a region or two. Cases are on the rise in 49 states.

"The virus is spreading in a largely uncontrolled fashion across the vast majority of the country," said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious-disease expert at Vanderbilt University.

While deaths are still well below the U.S. peak of about 2,200 per day back in

April, some researchers estimate the nation's overall toll will hit about 400,000 by Feb. 1, up from about 240,000 now.

But there is also some good news.

Doctors now better know how to treat severe cases, meaning higher percentages of the COVID-19 patients who go into intensive care units are coming out alive. Patients have the benefit of new treatments, namely remdesivir, the steroid dexamethasone and an antibody drug that won emergency-use approval from the Food and Drug Administration on Monday. Also, testing is more widely available.

In addition, a vaccine appears to be on the horizon, perhaps around the end of the year, with Pfizer this week reporting early results showing that its experimental shots are a surprising 90% effective at preventing the disease.

And there's a change pending in the White House, with President-elect Joe Biden vowing to rely on a highly respected set of medical advisers and carry out a detailed coronavirus plan that experts say includes the kind of measures that will be necessary to bring the surge under control.

Illinois sets
single-day
COVID-19
record

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois set another single-day record for coronavirus infections Tuesday, pushing the total number of people who have tested positive for the virus in the state since the pandemic began past 500,000.

State public health officials reported 12,623 newly confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus, nearly 15% higher than the previous record set Saturday, when cases also topped 12,000.

In Chicago, officials reported a daily average of 1,686 new cases, four times higher than a month ago. "There are no signs of slowing," Department of Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady said.

Deaths are on the rise, too. The state reported 79 more fatalities Tuesday. Illinois has seen an average of 59 deaths per day in the past week, compared with 45 deaths daily in the seven days prior to that.

Hospitalizations jumped 7.5% in one day to 4,742, and the number of more seriously ill patients is also on the rise, with those in intensive care units up to 911 and those on ventilators numbering 399.

The state was able to process more than 100,000 tests in a 24-hour period for the first time. Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker says testing is key to containing the virus and more tests are needed.

Chicago officials also rolled out an updated travel order, organizing states into three threat levels but advising against all travel to nearly every state.

Arwady said Chicago is seeing increases in cases across all ages and ethnicity groups, though Latinos remain most disproportionately affected.

To comply with the travel order, visitors to the city must quarantine for two weeks with few exceptions. The order also applies to Chicago residents returning from a visit to a designated state. Those violating the order could face hefty fines.

Thirteen states, including Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana are at the highest level.

Only six states and Washington, D.C., are at the lowest threat level with fewer than 15 daily cases per 100,000.

'Obamacare' likely to survive,
high court arguments indicate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A more conservative Supreme Court appears unwilling to do what Republicans have long desired: kill off the Affordable Care Act, including its key protections for pre-existing health conditions and subsidized insurance premiums that affect tens of millions of Americans.

Meeting remotely a week after the election and in the midst of a pandemic that has closed their majestic courtroom, the justices on Tuesday took on the latest Republican challenge to the Obama-era health care law, with three appointees of President Donald Trump, an avowed foe of the law, among them.

But at least one of those Trump appointees, Justice Brett Kavanaugh, seemed likely to vote to leave the bulk of the law intact, even if he were to find the law's now-toothless mandate that everyone obtain health insurance to be unconstitutional.

Chief Justice John Roberts, who wrote two earlier opinions preserving the law, stated similar views, and the court's three liberal justices are almost certain to vote to uphold the law in its entirety. That presumably would form a majority by joining a decision to cut away only the mandate, which now has no financial penalty attached to it. Congress

zeroed out the penalty in 2017, but left the rest of the law untouched.

In the court's third major case over the 10-year-old law, popularly known as "Obamacare," Republican attorneys general in 18 states and the administration want the entire law to be struck down. That would threaten coverage for more than 23 million people, as well as millions of others with preexisting conditions that now would include COVID-19.

California, leading a group of Democratic-controlled states, and the Democratic-controlled U.S. House of Representatives are urging the court to leave the law in place.

Report sounds an
alarm on ongoing
decline of US reefs

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A first of its kind assessment of coral reefs in U.S. waters is again sounding the alarm over the continued decline of these sensitive underwater ecosystems, which scientists deem essential to the health of the world's oceans amid the environmental effects posed by human activity and climate change.

The report, released Tuesday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of Maryland, took stock of the health of coral reefs under U.S. jurisdiction, from Guam and Hawaii in the Pacific to Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands in the Atlantic.

"Our work in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans shows a dire outlook for coral reef ecosystem health, from warming ocean waters, fishing, disease, and pollution from the land," said Heath Kelsey, director of the University of Maryland Cen-

ter for Environmental Science.

The reefs off the Florida coast are the country's most degraded, with perhaps as little as 2% remaining, officials said.

When healthy, coral constitute breathtaking underwater colonies of tiny organisms, known as polyps, whose hardened skeletons form dumps or fingerlings of underwater rock known as reefs. The profusion of life they support, including fish and other aquatic creatures, is an important component of the marine ecosystem.

The reefs are natural barriers to storm surges, particularly in regions susceptible to hurricanes.

And they also are important to coastal economies that depend on tourism, marine aquaculture and commercial fishing — the so-called blue economy that depends on the conservation of ocean resources to help sustain livelihoods from the sea.

False claims of voting
fraud, pushed by
Trump, thrive online

It started months before Election Day with false claims on Facebook and Twitter that mail-in ballots cast for President Donald Trump had been chucked in dumpsters or rivers.

Now, a week after the final polls closed, falsehoods about dead people voting and ballots being thrown out by poll workers are still thriving on social media, reaching an audience of millions. Trump and his supporters are pointing to those debunked claims on social media as reason to not accept that Democrat Joe Biden won the election.

"These will probably persist for years or even decades unfortunately," Kate Starbird, a University of Washington professor and online misinformation expert, said of the false claims about the U.S. election process. "People are very motivated to both participate in them and believe

them."

There is no evidence of widespread fraud in the 2020 election. In fact, voting officials from both political parties have stated publicly that the election went well and international observers confirmed there were no serious irregularities.

The issues raised by Trump's campaign and his allies are typical in every election: problems with signatures, secrecy envelopes and postal marks on mail-in ballots, as well as the potential for a small number of ballots miscast or lost. With Biden leading Trump by substantial margins in key battleground states, none of those issues would have any impact on the outcome of the election. Many of the legal challenges brought by Trump's campaign have been tossed out by judges, some within hours of their filing.

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Pompeo brushes aside results of presidential election

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is brushing aside results of last week's presidential election showing that President Donald Trump lost his bid for a second term. Pompeo told reporters with a grin on Tuesday that the "transition" to a second Trump term would be "smooth," but later said the State Department would be prepared no matter who is president on Inauguration Day.

Tongue-in-cheek or not, Pompeo's remarks implying that Trump might yet be reelected were striking, coming at a tense moment for the nation as Trump refuses to concede to President-elect Joe Biden. Pompeo, America's top diplomat and fourth-in-line for the presidency, spoke even as world leaders have been congratulating the former vice president.

Pompeo, one of Trump's most loyal Cabinet members, also dismissed as "ridiculous" the suggestion that Trump's evidence-free

claims of fraud could hurt America's credibility when weighing in on foreign elections.

Pompeo's comments about the transition came in response to a question about whether the State Department was prepared to engage with the Biden team.

"There will be a smooth transition to a second Trump administration," Pompeo said with a chuckle, before shifting to a more serious tone. "We're ready. The world is watching what's taking place here. We're going to count all the votes. When the process is complete, there will electors selected. There's a process, the Constitution lays it out pretty clearly."

"The world should have every confidence that the transition necessary to make sure that the State Department is functional today, successful today, and successful with the president who's in office on January 20th a minute after noon will also be successful," he said.

Later, in an interview with conservative radio host Tony Perkins, Pompeo appeared to seek to clarify his comments.

"Our adversaries should know that we're ready, we're continuing to work, we'll work all the way through January. And then on January 20th, we'll have a transition, whether it's to a Trump administration — a second Trump administration as I spoke about today — or to an administration led by former Vice President Biden," he said.

"The American people understand that our transition will be complete and thorough and that if we spend a few more days validating that we have this process right, ensuring that we've protected every American's lawful right to vote, it's the right thing to do and we need not worry that there won't be an adequate time for transition, which was frankly what the question was suggesting," he added.

Vatican report reveals anonymous letters accusing McCarrick

The Vatican's report on ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick revealed the previously unknown contents of six anonymous letters accusing him of pedophilia that were sent to U.S. church leaders in the early 1990s and later forwarded to the Holy See.

New York's then-archbishop, Cardinal John O'Connor, forwarded them to the Vatican in 1999, shortly before he died, along with a six-page confidential memo in which he recommended McCarrick not be promoted to any important U.S. diocese because of a "scandal of great proportions" that would erupt if the allegations became public.

The 449-page report also included testimony from a woman identified only as "Mother 1" who told Vatican investigators she, too, tried to raise the alarm with anonymous letters in the 1980s when McCarrick was bishop in Metuchen, New Jersey, after she saw McCarrick "massaging (her sons') inner thighs" at her home.

The woman said she sent the letters to members of the ecclesiastical hierarchy "expressing her distress about McCarrick's conduct with minors," and she believed they "may have been thrown aside" because they were anonymous.

Jeff Anderson, an attorney for several of McCarrick's accusers, said at a news conference Tuesday that he also represents two people in the woman's family and criticized the church for turning a blind eye to the warning.

There is "no evidence in this report or anyplace else that that account, that warning, that detailed, courageous effort by that mom in approximately 1984 was even investigated," Anderson said. "Nobody looked. Nobody asked."

The other anonymous letters, which were sent in 1992-1993, were addressed to top U.S. church leaders, the bishops conference and the Vatican's ambassador to the U.S., who reported that he had destroyed them upon receipt.

The Vatican has long ignored anonymous reports about abuse, insisting on receiving signed complaints before initiating any investigation. And the U.S. bishops conference had a policy forbidding the use of anonymous allegations as the basis to start abuse investigations, while requiring the information be passed onto the accused prelate.

The Vatican has now changed that policy for the universal church: According to a new manual issued earlier this year, anonymous reports can be used to justify opening a probe.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Virus in danger of getting out of control

Yes, this is another editorial about COVID-19.

This pandemic, whether you are tired of hearing about it or not, is the defining story of our time.

It has killed over 240,000 Americans and more than 1.27 million people across the world. And it seems to be getting worse, which seems unfathomable.

As a nation, we set a new record for COVID-19 hospitalizations Tuesday and have surpassed 1 million total cases already in November.

It has already been almost nine months since COVID-19 started altering our lives, and if you are not used to it yet, you better start.

We at The Daily Eastern News want to remind people to keep wearing masks and social distancing. Terms like "social distancing" and "quarantine" have become a part of our daily vocabulary this year, and hopefully that means we are more prepared to handle a surge like the one that seems to be happening.

Do not lose focus. This virus has already ruined so much and if we falter now, it will ruin so much more for so many people. It seems inevitable that tens of thousands of more people will die from this virus in the coming months, so make sure you do your part to make sure that you and your loved ones are not among them.

Quote of the Day:

"Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."

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Trump lost, needs to concede now

President Donald Trump's unwillingness to concede power peacefully to President-elect Joe Biden is a malignant attack on democracy and an embarrassing display for our country.

Trump's suspicions of voter fraud have no bearing anyway. In fact, according to the Associated Press, the Republican and Democratic Parties both said that voting went fine this election, and international observers had no "serious irregularities" to report.

This all halts the expedience of the transition of power from Trump to Biden and his developing administration. In essence, this hurts our country.

Where respectful candidates would be writing their letters of congratulations, Trump is pouting and stomping his feet like he lost a game or something.

Trump already implied before election results were ready that he wouldn't peacefully concede power, however.

For myself and likely millions of other Americans who were perplexed (but not surprised) about this, we probably wondered the same thing: "What the hell does that even mean?"

There are some serious implications that could come with Trump's refusal. USA Today reports the race "could be headed for a result decided by the



Logan Raschke

courts or by obscure parts of the law."

What could happen is still in the dark because this hasn't happened in recent history.

In any case, it puts the country in tumult and drives a bigger divide between those who voted red and those who voted blue.

There isn't any kind of law that orders presidential candidates to concede power, but it has become a tradition over the last 100 years.

According to NPR, one of the first recorded cases of concession of power is traced back to 1896 when William Jennings Bryant addressed a "cordial telegram" to William McKinley.

But many candidates and presidents have still

shared their congratulations to President-elects in the past. For example, John Adams is said to have given his congratulations to Thomas Jefferson in private, marking a new precedent for presidents to follow since 1801, according to NPR.

For someone to just throw away hundreds of years of peaceful tradition is ridiculous and embarrassing to our country.

Trump lost. That's the truth.

Instead of handling the loss with dignity, respect and the desire to assist with the peaceful transition of power, which is in the country's best interest, he couldn't handle it. He couldn't handle hearing "you're fired."

Trump ignoring the valid results of the election is a clear attack on democracy. Even though America isn't a total democracy, seeing as presidential candidates are elected by the electoral college, Biden won the popular vote and the electoral college.

That is democracy in action, and Trump has spit in its face.

In the words of John McCain's concession to Barack Obama, "The American people have spoken, and they have spoken clearly."

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White Sox sticking by bad decision

For whatever reason, the Chicago White Sox and owner Jerry Reinsdorf seem hellbent on destroying the good will they have established in recent years.

The White Sox are an exciting, young team that exceeded expectations last season and were one of the best teams in baseball. The good will continued after the White Sox fired manager Rick Renteria, who despite losing his job finished second in American League Manager of the Year voting Tuesday.

But White Sox fans and much of the MLB community shunned the franchise's decision to hire long-retired Tony La Russa as their next manager. A Hall-of-Famer and former World Series champion, La Russa boasts a fine resume, but the game of baseball seems to have passed him by in recent years.

The La Russa hiring was a sure sign the Reinsdorf is still pulling the strings for the White Sox. Reinsdorf has long said that allowing the firing of La Russa back in 1986 is one of his biggest regrets.

He regrets it so much that he will apparently go against conventional wisdom, common sense



Adam Tumino

and even the will of some members of his own organization to bring La Russa back.

The White Sox are a thrilling, up-and-coming team, and hiring a dinosaur to run the team just makes no sense.

Surely the La Russa hiring could not have gotten any more ridiculous, but then Tuesday happened.

It was reported that La Russa was arrested on suspicion of DUI back in February and was actually charged the day before the White Sox hired him.

The White Sox announced that they were aware of this incident and hired La Russa anyway.

Inexplicably, they did not use this as an excuse to stop the process of hiring La Russa, a move that has made them the laughing stock of MLB baseball, and are sticking with him.

A roster of exciting young players like Tim Anderson, Luis Robert and Eloy Jimenez deserves a manager who is not over the hill and a relic of a past era.

Not only has the La Russa hiring angered fans, but it also may hurt the team in free agency.

Pitcher Marcus Stroman has been very vocal on social media that he thinks the hire is bad, and it seems like he would have considered signing with the White Sox before the hire was made.

Hopefully the White Sox and Reinsdorf come to their senses and make the right decision. They are in danger of spoiling something great.

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Faculty Senate talks constitution Tuesday

By Adam Tumino
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The Eastern Faculty Senate met via Zoom Tuesday afternoon, continuing their discussion of a possible change to the Faculty Senate constitution and hosting three guests to speak on issues surrounding funding for faculty research.

Before they got to those items, there were the usual committee reports and the Provost's Report given by Eastern Provost Jay Gatrell.

Gatrell provided an update on the new science building that is being planned, the COVID-19 mitigating factors being used by the university and scheduling for the campus.

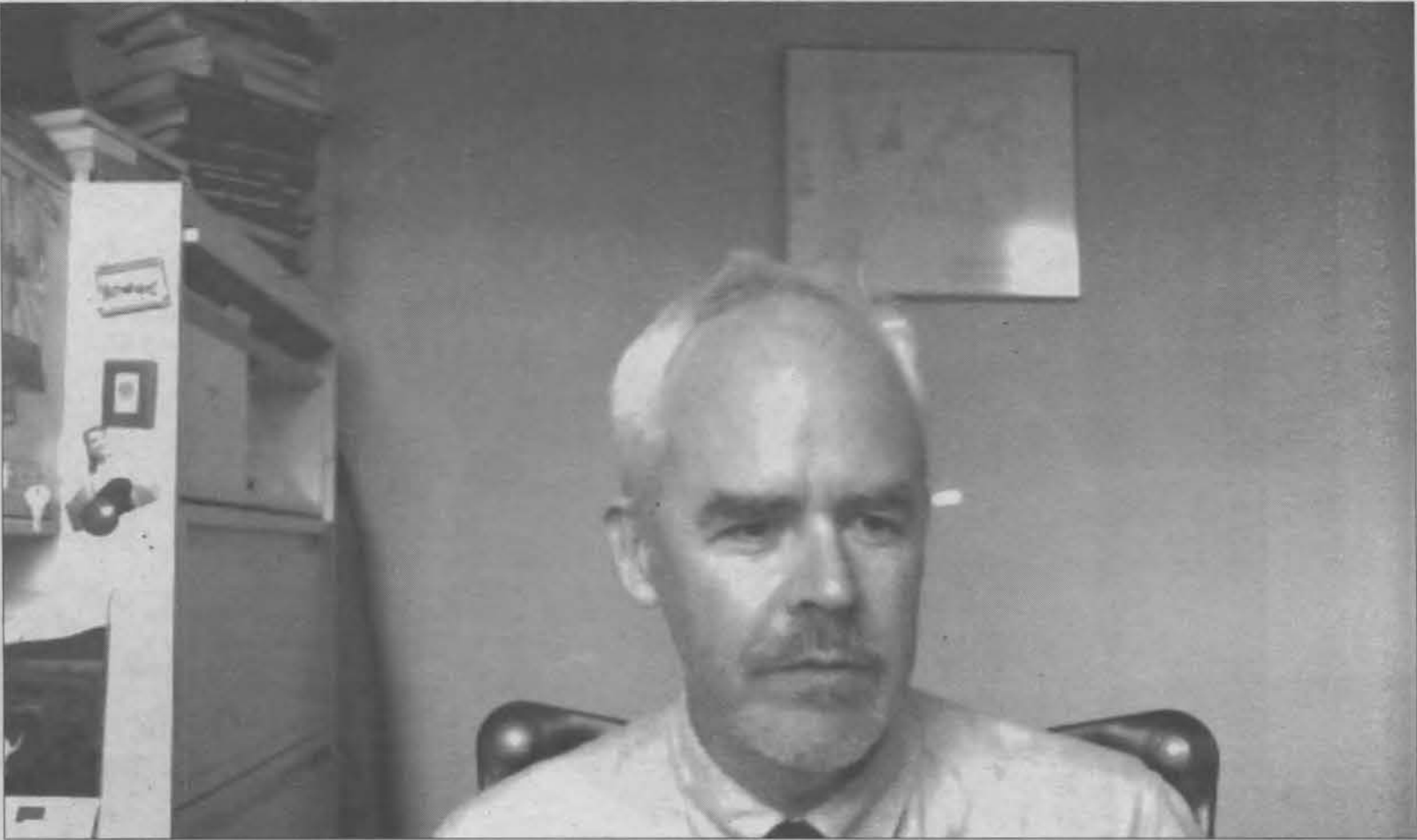
In terms of the upcoming schedule, Gatrell said that the plan remains for Thanksgiving Break to commence as planned later this month, with students heading home and then returning to campus for the final few weeks of classes.

He also said that there are still no plans in place that will affect Spring Break next semester.

Gatrell also updated COVID-19 testing and cases on campus, saying that more testing is set to take place on campus in the future. He also said that the number of cases on campus is still in a decent place.

"The dashboard was updated (Tuesday), and we do see a bit of what of Sheila Simons would call the 'Halloween bump,' but the good news is that the 'Halloween bump' wasn't as large as we've seen in prior weekends," Gatrell said. "I feel really good about our environment. I feel really good about the practices our students are deploying."

The senate also continued its discus-



SCREENSHOT BY ADAM TUMINO

Faculty Senate Vice-Chair and anthropology professor Don Holly speaks during the Faculty Senate meeting Nov. 10. The senate continued its discussion of a possible amendment to its constitution.

sion of a proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 2 of its constitution.

The section states:

"Members of the faculty, as defined by Article I, shall become eligible for election to the Faculty Senate in their fourth semester of appointment in the

university."

The senate has been discussing throughout the semester whether the fourth semester requirement should be reduced or removed.

The meeting concluded with three guest speakers invited to the meeting by

the senate.

Sue Gosse, Associate Professor of Nursing, Andrew Kerins, assistant professor and graduate coordinator in the Recreation Administration Program, and Heidi Ramrattan, Assistant Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences,

joined the meeting to talk about funding for faculty research.

Faculty Senate is scheduled to meet again on Dec. 8.

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Brother Jed's audience



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Aiyanna Ramsey (left), a freshman biology major, and Kenna Bishop (right), a freshman art education major, both sit and hold signs in front of Brother Jed's event in Library Quad Tuesday afternoon. Bishop said they wrote the signs "a little while go since Brother Jed has come to campus multiple times." Ramsey and Bishop said they met at Brother Jed's outings and became friends since then. Ramsey has expressed "as someone who identifies as both a person of color and a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I recognize how underrepresented we are and it's important that are voices are heard. it's not fair that people believe that can spin religion and spew it back in our faces as hateful speech. You can be both Christian and still indulge in yourself and your identity."

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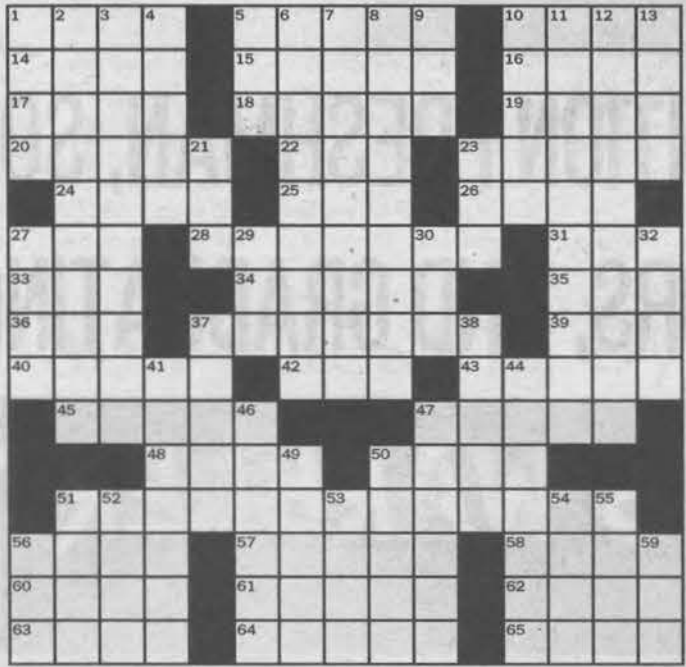
ACROSS

- 1 "___ a rough night": Macbeth
- 5 Miss on TV
- 10 Falafel bread
- 14 Black-tie affair, maybe
- 15 ___ Jackson Jr., "Straight Outta Compton" star
- 16 God whose name is an apt anagram of "rose"
- 17 "___ pass"
- 18 Schemes
- 19 Sign on for another tour
- 20 Kind of position
- 22 Beast of burden
- 23 Bands at weddings
- 24 Was a passenger
- 25 To the ___ degree
- 26 "Ugh!"
- 27 Cpl. or sgt.
- 28 Something to take and "make it better," in the Beatles' "Hey Jude"
- 31 Duke's N.C.A.A. div.
- 33 Cockpit measurement: Abbr.
- 34 Architect Frank
- 35 Beats by ___ (audio brand)
- 36 Hide ___ hair
- 37 Not awarded by accident, say
- 39 London lav
- 40 Honda division
- 42 Invasive plant?
- 43 Celebrity gossip show with an exclamation point in its title
- 45 Falls (over)
- 47 Car mentioned in the Beach Boys' "Fun, Fun, Fun"
- 48 Bluish hue

- 50 Place to count sheep?
- 51 Cry while doing a stunt ... or a hint to 2-, 7- and 12-Down
- 56 California's ___ Woods
- 57 "Good job!," south of the border
- 58 Classic Monopoly token
- 60 Item on a hotel pillow
- 61 Match
- 62 Simplicity
- 63 Requests
- 64 Attempts in basketball and target practice
- 65 Put away

DOWN

- 1 "The freakin' weekend is here!"
- 2 Something the ancient Egyptians used for keeping time
- 3 "Regrettably, that's the case"
- 4 Leaves for dinner?
- 5 Soda
- 6 Caribbean natives, e.g.
- 7 Vessel found drifting without a crew
- 8 1995 gangster comedy with John Travolta and Rene Russo
- 9 "___ queen!" ("Fabulous!")
- 10 Jeopardy



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- 11 Woman in a Sherlock Holmes story
- 12 Audience unlikely to applaud
- 13 Snakes in hieroglyphics
- 21 French article
- 23 The Notorious (late jurist's nickname)
- 27 Mom's mom
- 29 It's "only a number" to the young at heart
- 30 Dec. 31 celebration
- 32 Biz biggies
- 37 Rami with a Best Actor Oscar
- 38 Actress Messing of "Will & Grace"
- 41 "Says who?" and others
- 44 Fools
- 46 Some Carnival dances
- 47 Some Chevrolet S.U.V.s
- 49 "It is to ___"
- 50 Actress Lisa
- 51 San ___ Obispo, Calif.
- 52 It comes out of a pen, either with or without its first letter
- 53 ___ Wolfe, armchair detective
- 54 "Curses!"
- 55 Meh
- 56 U.F.C. sport
- 59 Unopened, say

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More details emerge on La Russa's arrest

Chicago White Sox manager Tony La Russa blew out a tire on the grey Lexus he was driving in a collision with a curb that left the vehicle smoking when he was arrested on misdemeanor or DUI charges in February, according to an affidavit filed by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

La Russa was charged in late October by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office after tests taken the night of his arrest showed his blood alcohol concentration was .095 — above the legal limit of .08. He has pleaded not guilty.

News of La Russa's arrest broke Monday. And more details emerged on Tuesday.

An officer found La Russa standing next to his SUV, asked him what hap-

pened and then requested identification. The officer said La Russa reached into his right back pocket, pulled out a large amount of cash and shuffled through his credit cards and California driver's license multiple times, according to the affidavit.

The officer reported he could smell alcohol on La Russa, who had been at dinner with friends from the Los Angeles Angels, and took him into custody after a field sobriety test. The affidavit said La Russa initially refused to provide a sample of his blood, urine or other bodily substance because he didn't trust the tests. Officers obtained two tubes of blood from him after a warrant was issued.

According to ESPN, which ob-

tained a more detailed incident report, La Russa appeared incoherent at times and kept mentioning he is a Hall of Famer while expressing his mistrust of blood alcohol tests. It said a breath test taken at the scene showed a blood alcohol content of .090. And as he was placed into the back of a cruiser, La Russa flashed a ring and told an officer "I'm a Hall of Famer baseball person."

White Sox spokesman Scott Reifert said Monday the team was aware of the arrest when the 76-year-old La Russa was hired late last month. The team had no further comment on Tuesday. La Russa's attorney, Lawrence Kazan, did not return messages seeking comment.

The 76-year-old La Russa is the old-

est manager in the major leagues by five years. Houston's Dusty Baker is 71.

La Russa is 2,728-2,365 with six pennants over 33 seasons with the White Sox, Oakland and St. Louis. He was enshrined in Cooperstown in 2014.

Only Hall of Famers Connie Mack (3,731) and John McGraw (2,763) have more victories. La Russa and Sparky Anderson are the only managers to win the World Series in the American League and National League.

La Russa pleaded guilty to driving under the influence in Florida in 2007 after police found him asleep inside his running sport utility vehicle at a stop

light and smelling of alcohol.

"I accept full responsibility for my conduct, and assure everyone that I have learned a very valuable lesson and that this will never occur again," La Russa said then.

La Russa was hired by Chicago in a surprise move after Rick Renteria was let go in what the team insisted was a mutual decision. La Russa, who is friends with chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, started his managing career with the White Sox during the 1979 season.

The Hall of Famer hasn't managed a big league club since 2011, when he led St. Louis past Texas in the World Series. He also won championships with Oakland in 1989 and the Cardinals in 2006.

Alabama-LSU, Texas A&M-Tennessee postponed

No. 1 Alabama at LSU and No. 5 Texas A&M at Tennessee will not be played Saturday because of COVID-19 issues, raising the number of Southeastern Conference games postponed this week to three.

The SEC said Tuesday that the Aggies and Volunteers will be rescheduled for Dec. 12, but the Crimson Tide's game against the defending national champion Tigers is in danger of not being played at all after COVID-19 cases in LSU's program.

"While it is unfortunate to have multiple postponements in the same week,

we began the season with the understanding interruptions to the schedule were possible and we have remained focused throughout the season on the health of everyone around our programs," SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey said in a statement. "We must remain vigilant, within our programs and in our communities, to prevent the spread of the virus and to manage activities that contribute to these interruptions."

Both Alabama and LSU are coming off their open dates and LSU already has a game against No. 6 Florida scheduled

for Dec. 12 that had to be postponed last month because of an outbreak that shut down the Gators for two weeks.

The SEC said it would consider using Dec. 19, the day of the conference championship game in Atlanta, to make up regular-season games not involving teams playing for the title.

Texas A&M said it has three active COVID-19 cases, including two people who traveled with the team to South Carolina last week.

"The nature of away game travel (flights, meals, lodging, locker room, etc.) naturally leads to an increase in the

number of student-athletes, coaches and staff who meet the criteria for mandatory quarantine based on contact tracing guidelines," Texas A&M athletic director Ross Bjork said.

On Monday, No. 24 Auburn's game at Mississippi State was postponed because of COVID-19 positive tests and contact tracing within the Bulldogs' program. That game has been tentatively rescheduled for Dec. 12.



Then on Tuesday, Auburn paused team activities after nine players and three staff members tested positive for COVID-19.

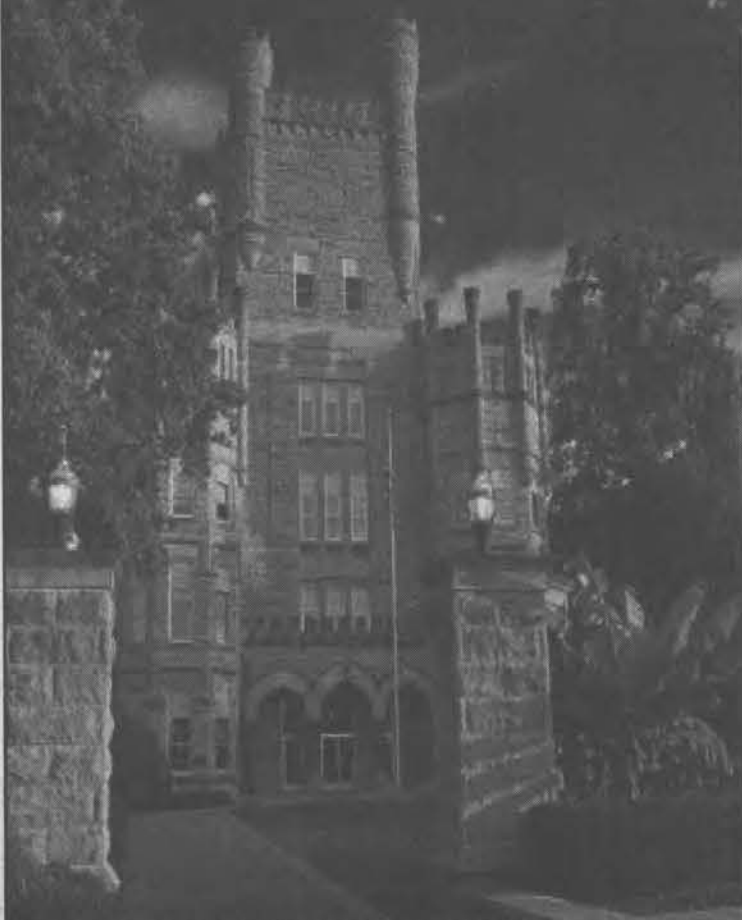
Auburn also has "a handful of close contact" cases having to quarantine, in addition to the positive tests, coach Gus Malzahn said. He didn't give a specific number or say which positions had been hardest hit.

Auburn, which is coming off an open date, is next scheduled to host Tennessee on Nov. 21.

It was also confirmed Tuesday that Arkansas coach Sam Pittman will miss the Razorbacks' game at No. 6 Florida on Saturday after having two positive COVID-19 tests. Pittman first tested positive Sunday and has reported no symptoms.

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Women's basketball media day highlights

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OVC Basketball Media Day was held virtually Nov. 9 on the heels of the announcement of the basketball schedules last week.

The Eastern women's basketball team will open its season against UIC on Nov. 25, and Associate Head Coach Kyley Simmons and senior guard Karle Pace participated in media day activities for the Panthers.

"We're just extremely excited to get the year started," Simmons said. "We've been working hard, our girls in the gym, we've got a lot of returners back, and I think that's exciting for us, to be more veteran. The first three years here we haven't had that."

Simmons has been a member of head coach Matt Bollant's staff since the start of his time in Eastern in April 2017.

Simmons also spoke on the vast improvements the team has made over the last several seasons, going from last place in the OVC in 2017-18 to fourth place just last season.

"I would just say that the culture is where it's at," she said. "It's not easy to build a culture of high-quality, character kids, and that's something that we've really taken pride in in our recruiting process. It's been fun to see the kids that we've recruited be able to grow our culture and our pro-

gram on and off the court."

Senior guard Karle Pace also spoke during media day, talking about the goals for the season for both herself and the team.

"Personally, I'm just excited that we're actually having a season this year," Pace said. "There was times when I thought we wouldn't have a season and it was just kind of nerve-racking. And now it's actually coming up."

Pace also spoke about the challenges faced throughout the spring and summer as normal team activities were interrupted by COVID-19.

"The hardest part for me was not having a lot of gym access," she said. "Usually after the season you have a little break that you take, but never that long of a time that I wasn't able to be in the gym."

In addition to individual challenges, Pace said it was also difficult being away from her teammates for so long.

"It was just a long time for us to not have actually been together," she said. "So that was pretty hard for me."

After all that time away, Pace and the Panthers will be back on the court at home in just two weeks.

They will begin conference play on Dec. 18.

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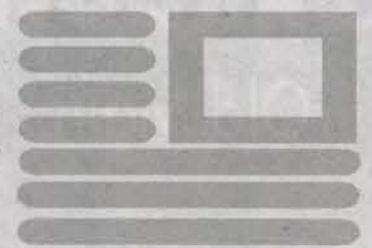
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Eastern guard Karle Pace defends an opposing player near the sideline in a game against Omaha in Lantz Arena on Dec. 7, 2019.

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